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With this issue the duties of the present corps of editors virtually cease. We desire to thank all those who have so kindly contributed to our columns and also those who have aided us by their suggestions. Thanks are especially due to Mr. Sampson and Mr. Owen whose advice has been invaluable to us.

Although we have not accomplished as much as we desired, we have made one change which should prove a benefit to the school. With the exception of the college notes, the paper has been written wholly by the pupils, thus making it more truly a school-paper.

We would suggest to our successors that more notice be given to the T. A. Notes, also that an Alumni column be added and that the college notes be continued. To the scholars, as well as the editors, we advise a more careful reading of the exchanges. Contributions should be accepted for the exchange column as well as for the other parts of the paper and with proper attention this may be made a much more interesting portion of the TRIPOD. We are grateful for the aid of our subscribers and advertisers and hope that their patronage will continue.

Our work has given us much pleasure and we thank the school for the privilege of thus serving them. Trusting our successors will fill more satisfactorily their positions, we cheerfully resign to them the management of the TRIPOD.

It is the custom of most of our exchanges to allow the editors to elect the corps for the following year. The principal advantage of this method is that the editors know best which pupils in the school show the most interest and seem best adapted to the work; whereas under the old system of selection by each class "the prettiest one or the one who can jump the highest" is quite as likely to be chosen.

As the new editors are elected before the close of the year an opportunity is given them to gain some knowledge of the work by aiding in the preparation of the last issues.

This plan has been approved by the school and the editors were authorized to select their successors. The following were appointed:

Editors-in-Chief—Genevieve L. Marsh, '92, Josephine Dyer Weymouth, '92, Gertrude B. Lane, '92.

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The Composite Photo of the Class of '92.

I had a dream the other night,
In which I got a view
Of the composite photograph
Of the class of '92.

It was a dainty likeness
Of a boyish looking girl,
Whose darkish hair was "done up"
In a pompadourish curl.

The eyes were of a blueish black,
With just a little tinge of gray;
And on its lips (just as in life)
A wicked smile did play.

While I was gazing at the lips
(Quite earnestly, I mean),
I espied a small moustache
Contributed by Fred H. Bean.

Then as I looked upon the chin,
Which was so firm and grave,
I noticed an alarming gash
Caused by Dennett's latest shave.

And on the head the hair stood up
In real Circassion curls,
Which peculiarity was due
To a trio of the girls.

The nose I have not yet described
And can scarcely do so either,
For was it pug or aquiline?
I know not; but think 'twas neither.

"But is it Roman?" do you ask.
Again I answer, "Scarce do I know,
But as a name I would suggest
Romano pugo aquilino."

For 'twas a mixture of all three
And, neither one predominating,
I see no way to give it name
Except by a new name creating.

Such is the class of '92,
And (though we often waste a minute)
Yet, as I close I will remark
I am very glad I am "not in it."

—C. S. '92.

The next and last TRIPOD for this year will contain the graduation essays and orations, with full particulars of the graduation. They will be on sale next week at Kendrick's and Stackpole's in this city, and at Bardsley's and Burnham's in Biddeford.

Subscriptions for next year's TRIPOD should be sent to THE TRIPOD, Saco, Maine, early in September.

A Bit of History.

An old Chair standing in the corner of the attic, gathered its friends and fellow-countrymen around it and suggested that each one tell its story to the others.

They began with the youngest of the little group, an old coat, covered with paint and feathers. "When I was young," said the coat, "I was called handsome and stylish and, even now, upon my breast, may be seen a stain where my owner drank to the health of King George." "All this was very well but my last party was the best of all. On that memorable day in December in 1773, I was proud to be among those who attended the famous "tea party" given on board the ship Dartmouth in Boston harbor. We were masked to resemble Indians though the time for unmasking never came. Upon that day I lost all my beauty and youth, and have since lived upon the memories of the past."

All was silent for a few moments and then an old hat spoke; "I have not much to tell for my life has been uneventful. But I well remember, a long sea voyage; when I first came into the possession of the good old Quaker, Penn, a year afterward I attended a convention held under a certain old elm long since gone to decay."

And thus every one of the little group told a few of the most remarkable events of their long lives, until the last and oldest member of the little group, the old chair, was reached.

"My story," said the old chair, "began at least two centuries and a half ago. One bitter morning in December I was hewn from a hugh log and fastened together securely with wooden pegs."

"My first home was in a little cabin in the forest, and there night after night have I listened to the howling of the wolves. It was with delight that I watched the little settlement growing up around us only to see it burnt to the ground by the merciless King Philip."

"I, among other things, was removed to a larger settlement, walled on all sides, forming a kind of fort, and there for many years I was in active service. Finally I was taken to a vil-

The Thorntons.

The Thorntons, the reading club organized in November, have held forty meetings this year. Every Monday evening has been a red letter night for the members and has been sure to find them brisk, smiling, and full of importance.

Irving's "Sketch Book" and "Knickerbocker's History of New York," and Charles Kingsley's "Hypatia" have been read with much interest and enthusiasm.

During the year the officers have been as follows:

First term: President, Miss Esther Haley; Vice President, Miss Alice Milliken; Secretary, Miss Genevieve Marsh.

Second term: President, Miss Sadie Palmer; Vice President, Miss Alice Milliken; Secretary, Miss Genevieve Marsh.

Third term: President, Miss Alice Milliken; Vice President, Miss Ellen Chase; Secretary, Miss Josephine Weymouth.

Mr. Owen often honors the club with his presence and renders great assistance by his explanations and concise narrative of the "dull" chapters. In token of their gratitude and esteem he has been given the imperial title of "Thorntonian Encyclopædiation."

Meetings have been held at Thornton Academy, and at the houses of Misses Arlie Foss, Clara Meserve, Sadie Emery, Gertrude Lane, Genevieve Marsh and Mr. Owen.

The club has adjourned until next September, when all members of the school and the Alumni will be welcomed again.

The following are the officers for next term: President, Miss Genevieve L. Marsh; Vice President, Miss Josephine D. Weymouth; Secretary, Miss Etta Nickerson,

—O. N. E.

Lobster Catching.

We know little of the habits of the lobster while it remains in deep water, but after the spring opens and it comes into shallow water we can observe it more closely. The lobster moves back and forth with the tide and likes to hide itself away under the edges of large rocks and pieces of sea weed, where it also lays its eggs.

One reason why lobsters are protected by law, during certain seasons of the year is, because, during those times, they are soft shelled, having just shed their hard shells. Lobster catching is an industry which has grown rapidly. A few years ago, the coast of Maine abounded in large lobsters but, today, a large lobster is a comparative curiosity. The increase in consumption and the canning factories account for this condition of things.

The method of catching lobsters for market is by lobster traps moored in the water. Certainly, there is nothing picturesque about a lobster trap. Another method, however, the one practiced by the writer, is much pleasanter. On one occasion we started at about four o'clock on a pleasant morning in August, just as the water had turned from low water mark. The water was without a ripple and the little boat in the hands of a practiced oarsman glided smoothly over the water. It was just light and the little pollock were getting their breakfasts from shrimps. They continually made little splashes, leaping over and over out of the water. The lobster ground, a small bay abounding in large rocks, was soon reached. Two gentlemen of the party each armed with a long hooked pole stood in either end of the boat ready for any unwary lobster that might show itself in the still shallow water. There were plenty of these, too, and having secured a good supply, the whole party returned home feeling all the better for the early trip. It was on one of these trips that the city bred girl said, "Oh! these horrid green things, why we have only pretty red ones."

—S. S. E.

Next year the present Freshmen will be in the main room and the incoming class will take the Freshman room. There are few disagreeable things to be overcome by the new Freshman for the upper classes make life as easy as possible for him—contrary to the usual custom, it is true.

Be sure and get a copy of the next issue of THE TRIPOD.

T. A. Notes.

Harry Fairfield has left school.

The school-room is very comfortable on these warm days.

Dennett and Sawyer have been favored (?) with front seats.

Calef has fully recovered from his one day's siege with the measles.

Miss Esther Haley has made her school-mates several calls this term.

The Thorntons have reorganized for next year. They want new members.

Another "true Bostonian"—Miss Winnifred Marsh has donned glasses.

Miss Sadie Palmer has been absent a week attending the graduation of her sister, at Kent's Hill.

The orchestra have been busy practicing for graduation. Shannon will join them again next year.

Our Cadets, under charge of Capt. Stacy, made a fine show Decoration Day. They are a well disciplined young band.

The Botany class have made several expeditions to the woods. They report many flowers whose presence was not suspected.

We shall miss Capt. Stacy and Lieut. Lord next year. They have long held responsible positions and have performed their duties satisfactorily.

Never mind those guns, Cadets. You deserve them, therefore they will come before long. No matter what others say, remember that those who know you best are proud of you. Give no ear to those who know you least.

The girls' chorus is formed of the following voices: First sopranos, Misses Addie Merrill, Lulu Lamb, Fannie Prentiss, Clara Meserve and Genevieve Marsh; second sopranos, Misses Alice Palmer, Bertha Sawyer, Maud Burnham, Adelaide Haley and Winnifred Marsh: altos, Misses Nellie Carpenter, Alice Milliken, Octavia Milliken and Lizzie Floyd. Miss Sawyer and Miss Alice Milliken graduate this year and substitutes will be found next term. Much progress is expected during the year.

The recent work compiled by Daniel E. Owen, of the Thornton Academy, "Old Times in Saco," seems to be meeting with a fairly good sale, still not what its merits demand. It fills a want long felt by the students of local history, and should be appreciated by them, and other of our citizens who have moved away and would like to preserve for their posterity a lurid account of the doings of their ancestors. Folsom's History long since became nearly extinct, and no one, until Mr. Owen came to the front, dared run the risk of issuing a work on this important matter. "Old Times in Saco" should be in the hands of every old resident of Saco, and is within the means of all.

Pods.

All of us have heard of petrified wood, but petrified potatoes are something new.

As yet K. '92, has not been able to distinguish between a minister to Great Britain and a preacher.

When we are told about the predictiment of the weather is it any more than right that we should smile(?)

It was very hard to decide whether Miss H. '92, hiccoughed or laughed one day in the book-keeping class.

When a queen goes off to die of a broken heart it seems only right for her to fulfill her desire, but evidently B. '92, thought 'twas necessary for her to live a little longer.

Scene at York Institute Fair. Attendant (to visitor inspecting the birds' eggs)—"Have you ever seen any humming-birds' eggs?"

Visitor—"No, but I should like to see some very much." (Attendant points out two ostrich eggs). "Why, ar'n't they curious? Why, really, they are larger than the birds themselves!" (Visitor coming to himself vanishes, and attendant waits for another victim).

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